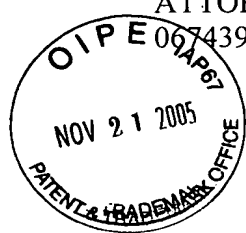


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THIRD REQUEST FOR STATUS

Applicants respectfully inquiry as to the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants previously filed Requests for Status on January 12, 2005 and June 16, 2005. Applicants have not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants are filing this Third Request for Status to respectfully inquire about the status of the present application, and in particular, to request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.



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